

In the Specification:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following replacement paragraph:

A ~~CORBA Gateway~~ gateway between ~~CORBA-based~~ client manager applications and an enterprise manager may be provided ~~configurable~~ to manage various networked objects ~~which may be interconnected via networks~~. In one embodiment, CORBA-based TMN manager applications may be communicatively coupled to a CORBA Object Request Broker (ORB). ~~The manager applications and~~ may be operable to send Interface Definition Language (IDL) requests to ~~managed objects~~ and receive IDL responses and CORBA events from ~~managed objects~~ through the CORBA ORB. The client manager may first be authenticated to the ~~Gateway~~ gateway by username and password, or other validation information associated with the client manager, which may be represented in a user profile. Once the initial client authentication is accomplished, the ~~Gateway~~ gateway may provide object-level access control between manager applications and managed objects [[.]] at an individual object level so that one of the managers is granted access to one of the managed objects while being prevented from interfacing with a different one of the managed objects, authenticating the client for each event type at the individual object level.

In the Title:

Please replace the current title with the following replacement title:

Secure Access to Managed Network Objects using a Configurable Platform-Independent Gateway Providing Individual Object-Level Access Control